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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND..... \$4,400,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION..... \$8,400,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS..... \$7,500,000

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent.

12 " 5 per cent. "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

## Prospectus.

THE HONGKONG & CHINA TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, 500,000 DOLLARS.  
In 10,000 Shares of \$50 each, \$5 payable on Application, \$10 on Allotment, and the Remainder by Calls as required.

Provisional Committee:  
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Messrs. BRERETON, WOTTON AND DEACON.

Temporary Office:  
13, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The Company has been formed for the purpose of constructing, equipping, and working a series of Low Level Steam Tramways in the City of Victoria, Hongkong. Two Special Ordinances (No. 6 and 18 of 1883) have been passed by the Legislative Council and the Government authorizing the construction and working of the same.

Victoria is very favourably adapted for Tramways, owing to the configuration of the great gradients of its principal street, (the main thoroughfare from the East to the West ends, along which the Tramways will be laid), and the immense incessant traffic.

The Tramways will be constructed in the best and most substantial manner, and with all the latest improvements, with steel girder rails, bedded in concrete, but no wood or other perishable material will be used.

The Tramways are intended to be worked by Steam Traction, such being much more economical, trustworthy, and under more effectual control, having more power of overcoming gradients, and giving better results (peculiar and otherwise) than horse, compressed air, electricity or other motive power.

The engines will be constructed according to the Board of Trade regulations and will in no way be a nuisance, being almost noiseless, and having no machinery, smoke, or steam visible.

The Committee anticipate, from the relatively low cost per mile of the projected Tramways, combined with other numerous advantages connected with the undertaking, that the dividend return will be satisfactory.

There is no agreement or contract in existence affecting this undertaking.

Plans and Estimates may be seen at the Office, and the full Prospectus and Forms of Application for Shares and every other information may be obtained from

THE SECRETARIAL ENGINEERS,  
No. 13, PRAYA CENTRAL,  
HONGKONG.

APPLICATIONS FOR SHARES will be received until the 30th September.

Hongkong, August 7, 1884. 1319

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Act of 1862 to 1883, whereby the liability of the Shareholders is limited to the amount of their Shares.)

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing a few ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten cent stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months.

7.—Deposits will be forwarded from the Post Office nearest to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked. On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees to the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

Forms of Application for SHARES may be obtained from the Officers of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

All Payments on Application for SHARES are to be made to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, who will grant receipts for the same.

Applications for SHARES will be received until the 15th September.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

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Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

28.—All Payments on Application for SHARES are to be made to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, who will grant receipts for the same.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERS),  
ARE NOW  
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

TOPCAN BUTTER.  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
COPDISH, Boneless.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEER in 25 lb. cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb. cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Robinson's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.  
100 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. " "  
1,200 lb. "

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CIGARETTES  
in crystallized Boxes of 100 at 85c  
per mill.

SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER  
in 1-lb. Tins.

AGATE IRON WARE.  
INSERTION RUBBER.  
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HITCHCOOK HOUSE LAMPS.

PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.

LAWN BOWLS.

PAINTS and OILS.

TALLOW and TAR.

PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:

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TRUSSONET'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
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FINE YORK HAMS.  
PIONIC TONGUES.  
BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.  
Yarmouth BLOATERS.  
Kippered HERRINGS.  
Herrings & LARDINES.

IRISH BACON in tins.  
COCCOTINA.  
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
EFF'S COCOA.

SPARTAN

COOKING STOVES.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints and quarts.  
1863 GRAVES, " "  
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—  
SACCOME MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SACCOME'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).  
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.  
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
COGNAC'S BRANDY.  
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.  
BOED'S OLD TOM.  
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.  
NOEL'S PEAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.  
JAMESON'S WHISKY.

MARSALA  
EASTERN CIDER.  
CHARTREUSE.  
MARASCHINO.  
CURAOAO.

ANGOSTURA BORR. and O BAN-  
BITTERS.  
&c., &c., &c.

BASSET'S ALE, bottled by CARMAN and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

draught ALE and PORTER, by the  
Galton.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

—SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R E S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

Hongkong, August 15, 1884.

## Intimations.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ABBEY CARVER of BOSTON, Amer. barque  
Capt. B. C. Pendleton.—Captain.

ALICE MARY, British barque, Captain E.  
Henry.—Master.

CORSA, American ship, Captain W. W.  
Pomington.—Arbould, Karberg & Co.

ELIZABETH, Belgian barque, Captain H.  
Bottcher.—Molcho & Co.

MARIE, German ship, Capt. Warnken  
Molcho & Co.

MOUNT LEBANON, British barquentine  
Captain Nelson.—Chinese.

SEA RIFLE, British 3-masted schooner,  
Capt. Alfred Reckers.—Siemsen & Co.

TEUTON, British barque, Capt. S. Hyne  
Wieder & Co.

VELOCITY, British barque, Captain R.  
Martin.—Pustar & Co.

VICTORIA, British steamer, Captain J. B.  
Shield.—Siemsen & Co.

WEST AUSTRALIAN, British barque, Capt.  
James Thomas.—Glinn & Co.

WILHELM HOMMEL, Ger. barque, Capt.  
W. Holtz.—Siemsen & Co.

## To Depart.

Per KWANGTUNG, for SWATOW, 2 Euro-  
peans, and 150 Chinese.

Per TRIUMPH, for CANTON, 10 Chinese.

Per CRUSADER, for HOIHOW, 60 Chinese.

—SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Merionethshire* re-  
ports: Light wind and fine weather; on  
this morning passed Shancei, long. 117°  
10' N., long. 113° 45' E.

The British steamer *Diamond* reports:  
Left Shanghai on 30th August; had light  
wind and fine pleasant weather.

The British steamer *Oceanic* reports:  
Sailed from San Francisco on August 7th,  
at 2.30 p.m.; arrived Yokohama on August  
26th; left Yokohama on August 30th,  
at 5.30 a.m.; had fine weather to Yan-  
dienan's Straits; when through Straits  
bravo sprang up from S.E., which  
gradually freshened up to moderate gale  
by noon of September 2nd; and veered to  
S.E.W., from noon of September 2nd to mid-  
night; a very high wind to N.E.W.  
by noon of September 3rd. Lived raining  
and hatched 2077 to 2100 of September  
3rd. Noon 3rd to this port very fine  
weather and smooth sea.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

9 a.m.—KWANGTUNG leaves for Coast  
Tents.

—MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

## Shipping.

3 p.m.—THALE leaves for AMY, &c.

4 p.m.—BEMEROLDE leaves for MANILA.

—AUCTIONS.

2 p.m.—Auction of Sundries at Victoria  
Exchange.

—MEETING.

5 p.m.—Meeting of H.K. Cricket Club.

—THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

—香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUISITES,  
TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,  
AMERICAN AND FRENCH PATENT  
MEDIINES.

—MANUFACTURERS

OF

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, TONIC WATER,  
GINGERADE, POTAS. WATER, SAPARAPILLA  
WATER, and other AERATED Waters.

—The Manufactury is under direct and  
continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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DIED.

On the 26th August, at No. 10, Settlement,  
Yokohama, ALEXANDER KENNEDY  
NOBLE, aged 34.

—The publication of this issue commenced  
at 7.30 p.m.

—The China Staff.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1884.

—The last occasion on which the restrictions  
of neutrality were imposed in Hongkong was during the war between  
Russia and Turkey. There had been,  
of course, a formal declaration of war  
between these two Powers. The provisions  
of the Foreign Enlistment Act were  
then published, in the present instance,  
with an intimation that they would be  
strictly enforced. But another step was  
also taken. Lord Derby, the  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,  
wrote a despatch containing certain  
rules for the guidance of the British  
authorities at home and abroad in dealing  
with belligerent vessels visiting  
English ports, and these rules were  
published and enforced in Hongkong in  
the shape of a proclamation. A summary  
of these rules will be of interest at  
the present moment. The ships of war of  
either belligerent were prohibited from  
making use of this harbour as a station  
or resort for any warlike purpose, and  
no such vessels were to be permitted  
after coming into the harbour, to leave  
again until the expiration of at least  
twenty-four hours, without permitting  
the authorities to inspect the  
holdings of the ship. The  
authorities were to be allowed to remain  
on board of the ship for twenty-four hours,  
except in case of stress of weather,  
or of her requiring provisions or  
other supplies for the subsistence of her  
crew, or repairs, in either of which cases  
the authorities of the port were to  
require her to put to sea as soon as possible  
after the expiration of the twenty-  
four hours, without permitting her to  
take in supplies beyond what might be  
necessary for her immediate use. No  
belligerent vessel was also to be permitted  
to take in any supplies, except provisions  
and such other articles as were  
necessary for the subsistence of her crew  
and except so much coal as would be  
sufficient to carry her to the nearest  
part of her own country or to some neutral  
destination, and no coal was again  
to be supplied to the same vessel, with-  
out special permission, until after the  
expiration of three months from the  
time she received the first supply. The  
usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

—MAILS

BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Thames*  
will be despatched on FRIDAY, the  
12th Sept., with Mails for the United  
Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond,  
viz. BRITAIN, to the Straits Settlements,  
BATAVIA, BURMAH, CEYLON, INDIA,  
ADELAIDE, &c., &c.

For *Archie*, at 2 p.m., on Friday, the  
12th inst.

—FOR MANILA.

Per *Zembla*, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday,  
the 7th inst.

—YOKOHAMA and HIOGO.

Per *Jolla Tully*, at 5 p.m., on Monday,  
the 7th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

—FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Per *Loyalty*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday,  
the 11th inst.

—FOR SAIGON.

Per *Victorio*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday,  
the 11th inst.

—FOR POOHOW, PORT, DARWIN,  
THURSDAY ISLAND, CAIRNS,  
COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRIS-  
BANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,  
AND ADELAIDE, &c., &c.

For *Archie*, at 2 p.m., on Friday, the  
12th inst.

—FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKO-  
HAMA.

Per *Telamon*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,  
the 13th inst.

—FOR STRAITS AND BOMBAY.

Per *Zambesi*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 13th inst.

—FOR STRAITS AND CALCUTTA.

Per *Taitting*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 13th inst.

—MAILS

BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic*  
will be despatched on THURSDAY,  
the 18th inst., with Mails for Japan,  
San Francisco, the United States,  
Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which  
will be closed as follows:

2.15 p.m. Registry ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Corre-  
spondence may be posted on the  
Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra  
Postage until the time of departure.

—MAILS

BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Andrea*  
will be despatched on THURSDAY,  
the 18th September, with Mails to the  
United Kingdom, Europe, and places  
beyond the Alps, to SAIGON, STRAITS  
SETTLEMENTS, BATAVIA, BURMAH, CEYLON,  
INDIA (via Madras), the AUSTRALIAN  
COLONIES, ATEN, NATAL and the CAPE,  
PORT MELBOURNE, and GIBRALTAR.

The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

—MAILS

BY THE CHINESE MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing  
Mails, &c., by the British Contract  
Packet:

Day of Departure—

MON.—Money Order Office closes 2 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

TUE.—Posting of all printed matter and  
patterns ceases.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL.—*Oppact*, Aug. 11; *Hawke*, Aug. 12; *Tonton*, *Bellona*, Aug. 18; *Djannah*, Aug. 21.

The next ENGLISH MAIL, by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Brindisi*, left Singapore for this port on Thursday morning, the 4th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about Tuesday, the 9th instant.

The S. S. *Loy* left Sydney for this port on the 18th August.

The S. S. *Telephon* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd instant.

The S. S. *Teddington* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd instant.

Three transports embarked French troops and stores for Tonquin, at Brest, on the 5th August.

Several of the Japanese vernacular papers have despatched special war correspondents to China.

Saves the N.-C. D. News of the 30th ult., Hsia Ching-ching, Minister accredited to France, Austria, Italy, and Holland, leaves by next P. & O. steamer for Europe.

The Government Astronomer reports—The Barometer is falling, especially in the South-East. Gondions indicate gales. winds.

The French transport *Nive* arrived here from Matsou Island yesterday evening. Her destination is said to be Saigon, where she will embark troops for the North.

A TELEGRAM from London, dated August 5th, says Marquis Tseng had a conference with Earl Granville to-day, and asked him to join in a European mediation in the trouble between France and China, but Earl Granville refused and ordered increased precautions to be taken to guard English residents in Canton, Foochow and Shanghai.

The Superintendent of the E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Company announces that until further notice a launch will ply between Sharp Peak Station and Foochow once daily. Time of leaving depends on the tide. All messages for Foochow should be marked either "Direct" or "Via Shanghai." Code and Cypher messages are accepted by the former route, only messages in plain English by the latter.

The Chinese Mail (*Wu Ts Yé Pó*) states that in consequence of the war between France and China there has been an eager demand for gold, especially among the wealthy, who are desirous of carrying about their wealth in a more portable form than Mexican and Sycoo. The usual price of gold is twenty times its weight of pure silver, but at present it varies from twenty-six to twenty-seven times. It is not unusual for women and pantomime strikers individually to give twenty-eight to twenty-nine times its weight in silver in exchange for gold.

The British steamer *Lemnos*, which arrived at Yokohama from Hongkong on the evening of the 27th ult., reports, says the Japanese Mail, having experienced two typhoons, the first off Formosa, commencing from the N.E., and veering to S.E.; and the second off Bungo Channel on the night of the 23rd, commencing from S.E. and veering to S.W., with mountainous sea, lasting for 18 hours, during which the cargo shifted, giving the vessel a list to port. All her boats are stove in, and gangway ladders, rails, etc., destroyed, besides other damage. Despite the heavy weather the vessel made the passage up inside of eight days.

While the S. S. *Diamond*, which arrived here to-day, left Pagoo Anchorage on the 4th inst., everything was then reported quiet in the Settlement and city of Foochow; but a system of wholesale pillage appears to have been carried out by the Chinese soldiers as regards all European houses at the Anchorage. Between the Anchorage and Foochow the river was being barricaded with stone junks, and, on the way down to Sharp Peak, numbers of Chinese were employed repairing or rebuilding the forts recently demolished by the French.

When the Diamond left the Foochow, however, seven French men-of-war, including the frigate *La Nuit*, which has since arrived here, were lying at Mateo.

SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOR THE MORROW.

8 a.m.—Parade Service. Morning Prayer, Rev. J. B. Ost. Preacher, Rev. L. Lloyd.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. W. Jennings. Preacher, Rev. L. Lloyd.

5 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Preacher, Rev. W. Jennings.

5 p.m.—

JOHN BULL AND HIS ISLAND.

XXXI.

New acts are being founded every day. Let an obscure minister discover a new interpretation of some passage of Holy Scripture, he will soon attract a congregation, make an appeal to the pockets of his adherents—an appeal always responded to—and then build his little conventicle. One often receives a circular couched in such terms as these:—“Sir—For some time past the want of a new chapel has been felt in the neighbourhood. The Reverend Mr. X. is ready to undertake the duties of pastor as soon as the necessary funds for building him a chapel have been subscribed. First a little edifice in wood is erected, then the collections swell; and, before long, places wood, and, provided the zeal of the congregation does not cool down, you soon see a fine stone church arise on the spot.

London will soon pose a Thosistic church, founded by a gentleman who, for clirch, has been using every argument in his power to prove that God the Father alone should be worshipped. Funds arrive, but slowly, and the gentleman in question feels indignant. “Theirs, he says, ‘have many believers; then why do they not frankly avow their belief, and come to me?’ It appears he has only collected £2,000, and does not consider it enough for a building that would be worthy of the act he is called to edify.”

There is also being prepared, at the present time, a church of the Holy Apostles, whose grand spectacular performances will be given by the aid of an orchestra, professional singers, etc. The altar is to be surrounded by gigantic statues representing the apostles. At the back, in the midst of sombre massive rocks, will shine forth a luminous crucifix. The service will be sung by 200 choristers, accompanied upon stringed instruments, the harp especially. The interior will be illuminated by means of 100 silver gilt cros, the exactities of which will be electric lamps. It promises to be a grand affair, as you see. The companion of these fêtes, the *imperio*, is a nice young priest of the Anglican Church, whose good looks obtain for him the admiration of the fairer half of his parishioners.

Of all the religious enumerated in the preceding chapter, the Roman Catholic and Apostolic is the least popular. “No Pope!” is still the cry of the English people. The Quakers, the Jumbers, the Salvationists, the Ranters, none of these alarm them; but a black, shaved priest calls up memories of the state and Bishop Mary. “A scolded child does not like to say the English. The art of poetry is pushed to the verge of absurdity. Thus, for instance, Good Friday is considered especially by the Dissenters, as a day of public rejoicing, a kind of Bank Holiday; the great thing is to do the very opposite of that which is done in Rome. “This is the day on which Jesus died; let us spend it in retirement,” we say in France. “This is the day on which Christ saved us; let us rejoice,” say the English. In spite of this, most English people still abstain from eating meat on Good Friday.

To see Protestantism in all its austerity, you must go to Scotland; there Calvinism in all its severity is practised. You see, Scotland, trifling is not countenanced; nothing is done by halves; no levity or triviality is tolerated. I know a Scotch Presbyterian minister who teaches the Lord’s prayer to his children, and who, after hesitation or mistake is punished by a good cut across the back of the small supplicant.

In the eyes of these gloomy Christians, money is to be regarded with suspicion; a job is a sin; for it is not an act of frivolity, and must not every idle word be given an account of one day! The Scotch are a virtuous people; a people in earnest, if ever there was one!

The Mormon Church, so flourishing in America, admits Polygamy and theocracy. Not content with the wives he has in this world, the Mormon can also aspire to contract marriage in the next. Indeed, it is a practice of the Mormon Church to recompose an exemplary life by marrying the recompence to some great departed soul in the abode of the Elect. In 1870, a friend of mine paid a visit to Salt Lake City, and was introduced to a Russian princess, at present the wife of a Mormon bishop. The following are a few of the impressions which the lady communicated to my friend. “My first husband had died twelve years; he was very dear to me, but, in spite of his death, he had no respect for my memory, because he did not treat his other wives with the same kindness and affection that he showed for me; and, according to our religion, a man should not show a preference for one of his wives. As to our second husband, —ah! sir, what a sin! —what a saint! We do not mourn for him, we envy his lot; he sojourns in the realms of the blessed; and, last year, sir, we married him, in our church, to the Maid of Orleans.”

The Quakers are so named, because of the contortions, which the first followers of the sect gloried in making, while they worshipped, with the idea of trembling before their Maker. The Quakers never shrink except to the Supreme Being. They lift their hats to nobody, address every one as *dear* and *dear*, refuse to eat, and will not serve in the army, because, according to their belief, war is sinful. They are no scaramouches. This sect, also, has the Society of Friends, recognises no congregation; any member may speak in their meetings. Complete silence is observed, until one of these new converts, moved by the Holy Spirit, begins to speak and gesticulate. This sect was founded in 1650, by a Lancashire shoe-maker named George Fox. Mr. John Bright, the great English statesman, is a Quaker; this explains his leaving the Ministry of Mr. Gladstone, in 1882, when the latter decided on invading Egypt.

The American Shakers are now the nearest approach to the original Quakers. Their religious service is conducted on this wise.—The men and women range themselves in lines, facing one another, and then clasp their hands, jump, and shout, until they fall to the ground, exhausted and breathless. It is a new act, which, if done to-morrow, would surprise nobody; but there is nothing to hinder it, even a church, chapel, or meeting-house, there is no form of worship, however sensible, that may not freely be indulged in, unthindered by law. In this country, when you go to church, it does not matter what your religious belief is, provided you go to some place of worship.

“Why do you come to church?” I heard the clergymen of a little Protestant church in Devonshire exclaim, one day from the pulpit. “I will tell you the reason. Some of you come to look as good as your neighbours, or better; you farmers, my Lord’s tenants, come to please your landlord; you tradespeople, to inspire your customers with confidence in you; you young women, to display your new dresses; in fact, you all go to church, because you know you are nowhere, and you have to go there.”

It is but true that, in this volume, treating of the topics of the day, I should reserve a special chapter to the Salvationists, the heroes of the moment.

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